

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Grass Lake Charter Township Board
June 12, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Hall by Supervisor Stormont.

Board Members Present by Roll Call: Bray, Lester, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont, Butterfield and Brennan.

Also Present: Fire Chief Jones, Assessor DeBoe, Officer DeLand and 15 public.

Pledge to Flag recited.

Agenda Additions/Approval: Brennan moved to approve the agenda as presented. Supported by Bray. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Richard Murphy – Recycle update status, American One Federal Credit Union – told him in the Village.

Minutes: Bray made a motion to approve the May 8, 2018 Regular Board Meeting, May 22, 2018 Work Session Minutes and May 22, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes. Supported by Lester. Motion carried.

Presentation of Bills: Butterfield made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 61,661.87 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 15,254.20. Supported by Bray. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Butterfield, Bray, Lester, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont and Brennan. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Loveland stated data base set for 2018 summer tax collection, expects to start printing bills within the next 2 weeks so bills will be mailed out around July 1. Zenz made motion to accept and file Treasurer's Report as presented by Loveland. Supported by Brennan. Motion carried.

County Sheriff Report: report filed as prepared by Officer DeLand.

Assessor Report: Report was filed as presented by Assessor DeBoe. Additional note: sales for first 3 months of year are 15% higher in the Township and 23% higher in the Village than currently assessed. June 18 pre-trial hearing for Calderone Golf Course at this time no response from their Attorney, the hope is it will be dropped.

Zoning Administrator Report: Report was filed as prepared by Administrator Lammers.

Planning Commission Report: Public Hearing on Solar Ordinance June 21, 2018. Verbal apology from Warbritton to the Kraft's.

Chief Building Official Report: Accepted and filed as printed.

Whistlestop Park Report: none.

Recreation Board Report: Stormont has signed usage agreements from Grass Lake Summer Youth League and Trackside Baseball/Softball and a secondary usage agreement was turned in today. Leaders of two groups are working together for usage of the shed/garage at the park.

Correspondence: Full Spectrum Solutions asking support for fireworks display July 3, 2018 on Wolf Lake/Camp Teetonkah.

Old Business: a) – Sports-n-Trails Park field usage agreements – updates – covered in the recreation report. **b) – Broadband update** – Bray went to City of Marshall with a few people to see the work being done by Aspen Wireless in their community. Public comments about Frontier's very poor service in their area. Recommended contacting the Michigan Public Service Commission. **c) – Mt Hope Road –Township property sale – update** –

Stormont still working with the owner of Mugg & Bopps hopefully soon something to report. **d) – Ag Business/Ag Tourism ordinance text amendment – approval** – Motion by Brennan to adopt the Ag Business/Ag Tourism Ordinance as introduced at the May 8, 2018 regular meeting. Supported by Butterfield. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Brennan, Butterfield, Bray, Lester, Loveland, Zenz and Stormont. Motion Carried.

New Business: **a) – Re-cycle Service – fees – update** – Cost of recycling to the Township will go from \$50.00 to \$1,000.00 a month due to reduced demand for recycled material. Stormont and Bray are looking into other opportunities so the board can make a decision if the program should continue or not. **b) – Traffic Jamin Contribution** – Brennan made motion to contribute \$1,500.00 to the event this year from line item Community Contribution. Supported by Bray. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Brennan, Bray, Lester, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont and Butterfield. Motion Carried. **c) – Sports-n-Trail mineral brine application** – Bray made motion to accept the quote from Jackson County Department of Transportation for \$513.00 to mineral brine driveways and parking lot at the park. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Bray, Brennan, Lester, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont and Butterfield. Question brought up about progress on Bohne Road repair, project has started not sure of completion date. **d) – Senior Center working agreement – and e) – New Township Office – process ?** – The Village and Senior Center would like to take over the entire current building. Stormont wants the boards thoughts as to if we actively pursue a new Township Office/Hall. General thought is to start having discussion looking at pros and cons and what general direction the board should go. **f) – Key Pad Lock – concession door – GLSYL request** – Jackson Key works quoted a price of \$ 550.00 to change out the concession stand door. A much cheaper combination lock would be acceptable and will be looked into. **g) – Sports-n-Trail New Storage Shed-need for?** - At this time a new shed is not needed. Timing seems to be an issue and the two league leaders are trying to work out a solution for sharing the current shed/garage. **h) – Park Maintenance Assistant** – Dan Clark the gentleman recently hired is having personal business issues and current health issues; Under recommendation of Stormont Bray made motion to hire Jim Howe on short term time to help with park maintenance and some long term planning. Supported by Brennan. Motion Carried. **i) – Uniform Traffic Code Ordinance – draft** – table until board can review full document. **j) – Assessing field work staff** – 3 applicants were interviewed. Motion by Stormont to hire Marie Ellsworth for the position starting June 26 at pay rate of \$14.10 per hour. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Stormont, Brennan, Bray, Lester, Loveland, Zenz and Butterfield. **k) – Resignation Phil Scheel** – Brennan made motion to accept the resignation letter from Phil Scheel for his position on the Zoning Board of Appeals effective May 19, 2018. Supported by Butterfield. Motion Carried. Stormont made motion to appoint Alternate Member John Lesinski to fill the open seat on the Zoning Board of Appeals effective immediately. Supported by Zenz. Motion Carried.

Fire Department Report: May report accepted as prepared by Chief Jones. Shrubs were replaced at the station. 4 members attending Medical Class have passed and will take National Registry Test within next couple of weeks. Svihra and Sherwood will be attending Fire School in the fall. Flag Day with be at the station on June 14 @ 6:00 presented by VFW and American Legion.

Old Business: none.

New Business: none.

Public Comment: Marti Wright – Prospect Hill Road – would really like the Board’s support in moving the Township into the 21st century with the Broadband issue. **Richard Murphy** – good idea in moving forward with talk of a new Township Office.

Adjournment: Motion by Bray to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm, supported by Brennan. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk